Gleanings from Welfare Reform and Work

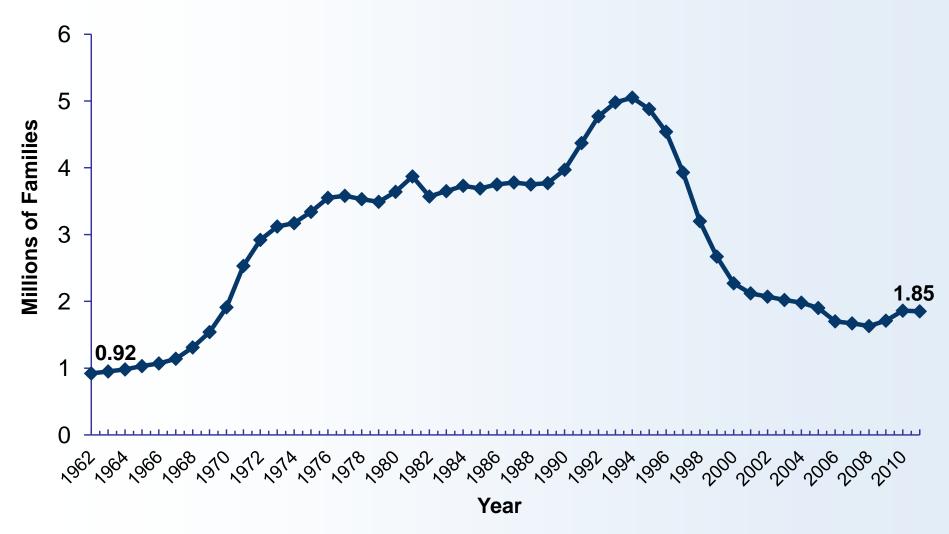
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Five Components of Welfare Reform

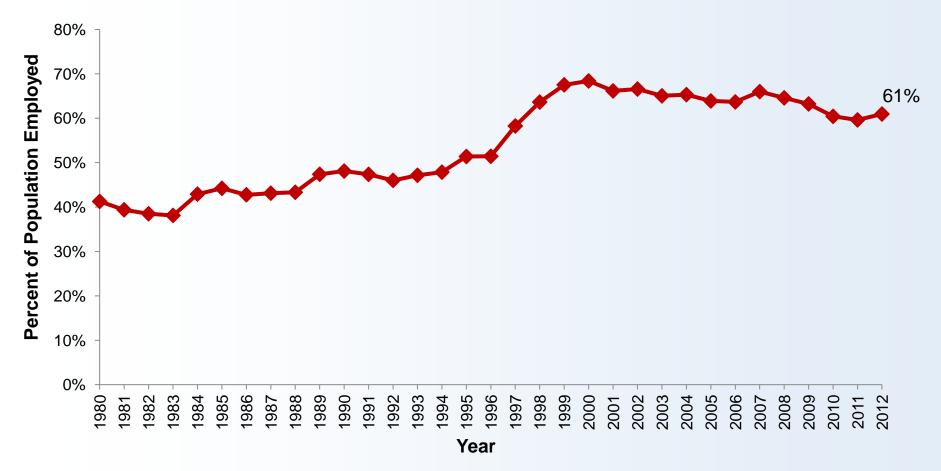
- 1. End Cash Entitlement
- 2. Block Grant Funding
- 3. Work Requirements
- 4. Sanctions
- 5. 5-Year Time Limit

Welfare Caseload, 1962-2011



Sources: Congressional Research Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/resource-library/search?tag=4648 (2000-2011); http://aspe.hhs.gov/HSP/indicators03/apa.htm#ttanf1 (1962-1999).

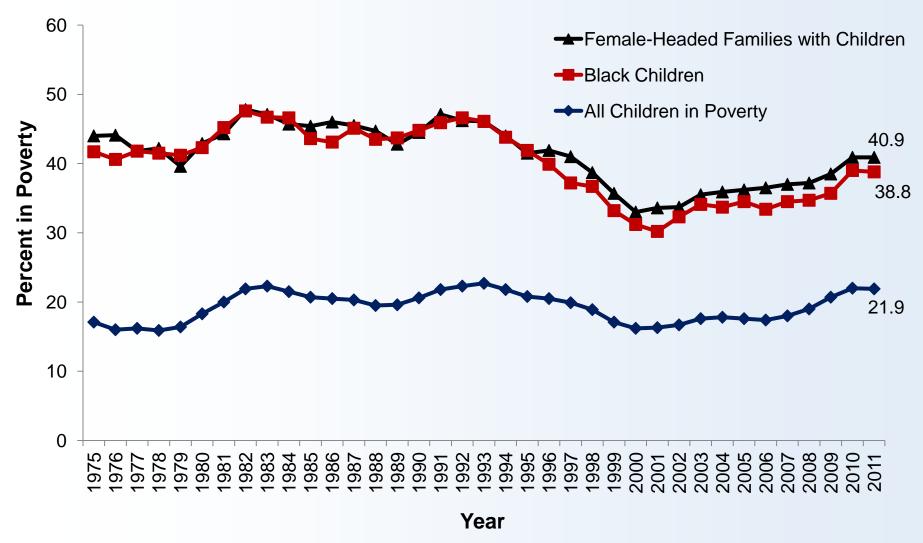
Employment-Population Ratios for Never-Married Mothers, 1980-2012



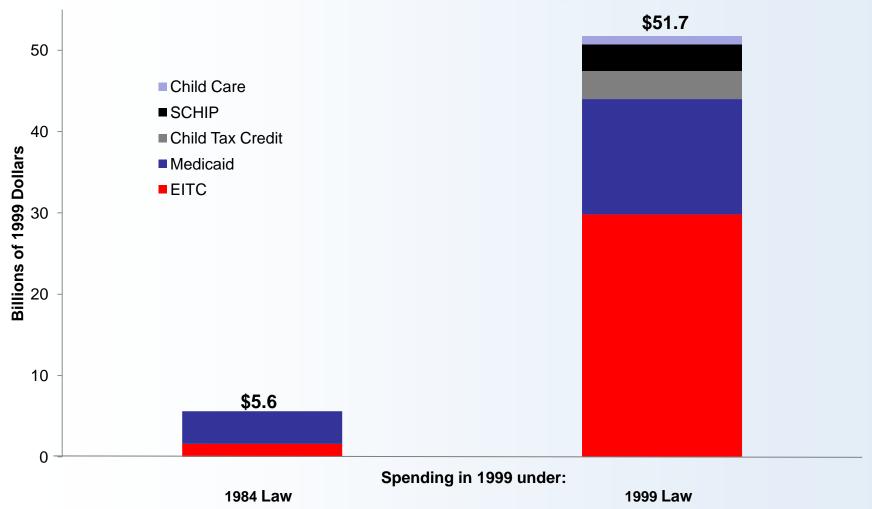
Source: Brookings tabulations of data from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey, 1980-2010.

Notes: Only includes noninstitutionalized civilians ages 16 and up who are heads of household or the spouses of heads. Never-married mothers are female heads of household at least 16 years of age who are never married and have at least one never-married child under age 18 in the family. Never-married mothers who are not heads of households, for example those in subfamilies, are excluded from this analysis. Single mothers include all women who are never-married, separated, divorced, or widowed and have at least one never-married child under age 18 in the family.

Poverty Rates for All Children, Black Children, and Female-Headed Households with Children, 1975-2011

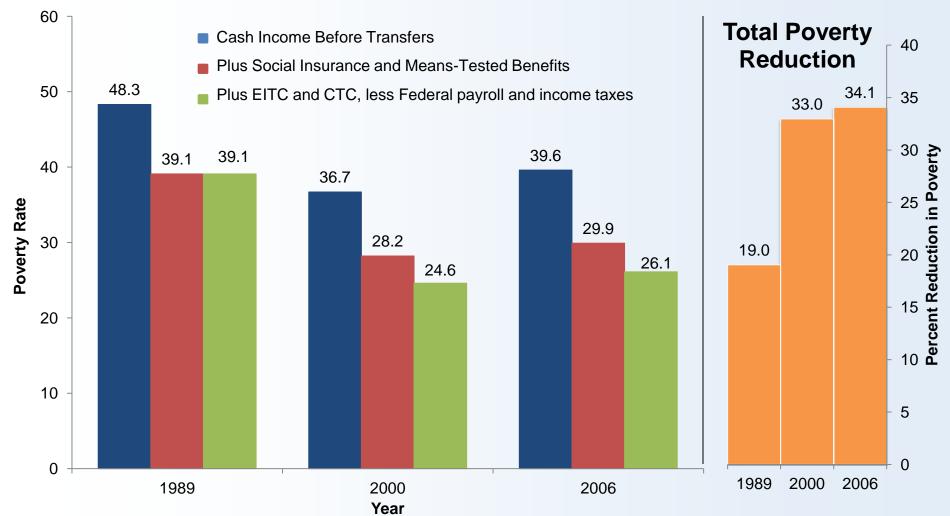


Support for Working Families Increases Dramatically, 1984-1999



Source: Congressional Budget Office, Policy Changes Affecting Mandatory Spending for Low-Income Families Not Receiving Welfare, 1998.

Government Programs Already Do A Lot: The Impact of Taxes and Transfers on Poverty



Source: US House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, 2008 Green Book, Appendix E, Table E-31. Note: The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) are refundable tax credits designed to help lower income families, particularly single parent families.

TANF Issues

- Disconnected mothers
- Work requirements
- Employment and training
- Recessions
- Is TANF a safety net program?

Differences in SSDI, SSI, and Welfare Beneficiaries

- Age
- Sex
- Disability status
- Parent status
- Time limits and sanctions